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MODERNISATION OF BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to modernize the BSNL;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide cheapest cellular services in comparison to private cellular services; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Modernization and upgradation is a continuous process in BSNL. Over the years BSNL has taken a number of steps to modernize its network as detailed below:-

(i) All Electromechanical and Analog Exchanges have been converted to Digital Exchanges connected on reliable media.

(ii) The fault prone paper core cable is being replaced by Jelly filled cable and project for rendering the external plant poleless is under execution.

(iii) Extensive use of Wireless in Local Loop Technology (WLL) in urban and rural areas is planned and being implemented to eliminate local line faults for improving services to the customer, and to provide faster and more economic roll out of telecom Extensive use of Wireless in Local Loop Technology (WLL) in urban and rural areas is planned and being implemented to eliminate local line faults for improving services to the customer, and to provide faster and more economic roll out of telecom services.

(iv) Optical fiber technology has been deployed in local and long distance network to provide larger bandwidth and reliable telecom service.

(c) & (d) BSNL`s cellular tariff on overall basis is either cheaper or comparable to the tariff of other operators. At present, BSNL has no proposal for further reduction in the tariff.